



# Agriculture and Markets

## AGM OUTREACH RESOURCE INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES (05/06/2023)

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### INFORMATION

#### 1) AGM EXECUTIVE OPEN OFFICE HOURS

##### **AGM will host Virtual Executive Open Office May 16th and 17th!**

This is a time for New York's individual stakeholders in agriculture to collectively learn more about industry activities, as well as directly communicate with decision-makers. Attendees will hear the background behind *AGM Information & Opportunities* items, learn updated details on activities, and directly connect with AGM.

Register to attend May's Virtual Open Office:

- [Tuesday 05/16/2023 4:00 PM-5:00 PM](#)
- [Wednesday, 05/17/2023, 9:00 AM-10:00 AM](#)

#### 2) \$130MM FUNDING FOR FARMERS FACING FINANCIAL RISK

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced nearly \$130 million in additional, automatic financial assistance obligated for qualifying farm loan program borrowers facing financial risk. This is part of the \$3.1 billion to help distressed farm loan borrowers - direct loan borrowers who missed a recent installment or are unable to make their next scheduled installment - that was provided through Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) signed by President Biden in August 2022. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) begins accepting and reviewing applications this month.

#### 3) \$1 BILLION URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY

The Biden-Harris Administration announced the availability of \$1 billion in grants to increase equitable access to trees and green spaces in urban and community forests where more than 84% of Americans live, work and play. The announcement is part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda and the Administration's work to build a clean energy economy, advance environmental justice and create economic opportunity in communities across the country.

#### 4) OVER 100,000 FARMLAND ACRES PROTECTED ACROSS NEW YORK STATE

Approximately 20% of New York's land area is farmland - nearly 7 million acres. AGM's Farmland Protection Program (FPP) provides financial assistance to counties, municipalities, soil and water conservation districts, and land trusts to enable them to implement farmland protection activities consistent with local agricultural and farmland protection plans. The most recent round of the FPP reflects critical adjustments made to the program - expanding eligibility criteria and focus on projects aligned with New York State priorities. The Governor's Executive Budget proposes to continue to fund the FPP at

\$21 million through the Environmental Protection Fund.

### **5) \$30MM AWARD FOR NORTHEAST REGIONAL FOOD BUSINESS CENTER**

Uniting several state departments of agriculture, public-private partner Cornell University's Center for Regional Economic Advancement, and community-based organization Buffalo Go Green, New York State is a lead partner in the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture's (NASDA) Northeast Regional Food Business Center. With 12 centers planned across the US, they will serve all areas of the country and target work to historically underinvested communities in their regions.

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## **OPPORTUNITIES**



### **1) AGRICULTURAL LITERACY GRANT**

Created to help fund creative ideas, the Agricultural Literacy Grant supports teaching general topics through a lens of agriculture. Submit your great idea to enhance your classroom learning and let New York Agriculture in the Classroom support your endeavor to include agriculture as a context for learning!

Grant proposal can be anywhere between \$10-\$1,200 to fund farm field trips, purchase agricultural-related books and other materials for classroom projects, start a courtyard chicken coop, expand a school garden project, and more.

[Application](#) Deadline: May10, 2023

### **2) BEGINNING FARMER TRAINING PROGRAM**

Would you like to learn to grow and sell vegetables, flowers, and herbs for profit? Niagara's Cornell Cooperative Extension will hold a hands-on training program, from May 23, 2023-October 03, 2023, for aspiring and beginning farmers. This certificate program teaches the business of profitable market gardening and gives experience in taking a crop from seed to sale!

[Application](#) Deadline: May 15, 2023

### **3) AGRICULTURE and FOOD RESEARCH INITIATIVE EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

NIFA is working to develop the next generation of research, education and extension professionals within the food and agricultural sciences. Grants \$20,000 to \$750,000 will go to support professional development for K-14 education professionals, agricultural youth interests, workforce training at community and junior colleges research, and extension training for undergraduate students and Fellowships for predoctoral candidates and post-doctoral scholars.

[Application](#) Deadline: December 07, 2023

### **4) \$45MM SUPPORTING UNDERSERVED & VETERAN FARMERS**

USDA's Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers program - known as the 2501 Program - is making \$45 million available to support organizations that help underserved and veteran farmers, rancher, and foresters own and operate successful farms (individual maximum award of \$750,000). The program recognizes differences in demographics, culture, economics, language, and other factors and welcomes diverse approaches to identify solutions to benefit underserved and veteran farmers, ranchers, and foresters.

[Webinars for grant applicants](#): June 12th and July 10th.

[Application](#) Deadline: July 25, 2023

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## **APPLICATION DEADLINES (use links for details on additional items unlisted above)**

- **May 10** [Agricultural Literacy Grant](#)
- **May 15** [Beginning Farmer Training Program](#)
- **May 15** [Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program](#)

- **June 2** [USDA Revenue Loss Assistance](#)
- **July 19** [Indigenous Animals Harvesting & Meat Processing Grant](#)
- **July 25** [Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran](#)
- **Aug. 4** [RFA: Youth Innovators Empowering Agriculture Across America](#)
- **Oct. 6** [GROW-NY Youth Ag Business Pitch Competition](#)
- **Dec. 07** [RFA: Education and Workforce Development](#)

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## DIRECT SIGN-UP

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### [USDA's FARMERS.GOV](#)

Directly from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, select from a diversity of agriculture-related topics and a wide range of regional newsletters to receive communications. Information is accessible via email, text message, podcasts, radio segment - Newslane.



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